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0040	180 CP	68 CP	2d Sect I&R Plat in from 180th CP at Wissemau. Report ey mortar or arty landing in vic (788334). Ey dug in (786383) and (778379). Two ey guns in vic (793394) and (788394).
0155	Dossen-heim	68 CP	1st Sect I&R Plat in from security patrol to Dossenheim. (No new info)
0400	68 CP	180 CP	2d Sect I&R Plat out to 180th CP at Wissemau.
0500	68 CP	Dossen-heim	1st Sect I&R Plat out on security patrol to Dossenheim.
0530	180 CP	68 CP	2d Sect I&R Plat in from 180th CP at Wissemau - no new info.
0615	Dossen-heim	68 CP	1st Sect I&R Plat in from security patrol to Dossenheim. (No new info).
0825	68 CP	180 CP	2d Sect I&R Plat out to 180th CP at Wissemau.
0915	68 CP	Dossen-heim	1st Sect of I&R Plat out on security patrol to Dossenheim.
0930	180 CP	68 CP	2d Sect of I&R Plat in from 180th CP at Wissemau (No new info).
0955	Dossen-heim	68 CP	1st Sect of I&R Plat in from security patrol to Dossenheim - no new info.
105	CCR	68 CP	Ey patrol tried steadily last night to cross road (824371) to (810360). One patrol of 20 ey was routed, leaving two dead. Harassing arty fire on (824371) and (802356) during night. One ey AT Gun in position vic (808365) - via phone.
232	CCA	68 CP	Strong ey patrols out in Wissembourg area. Ey patrols have three or four half-tracks - via phone.
337	CCA	68 CP	Road (735357) to (700322) blocked by abatis. Road (730295) to (724307) mined. Both the above obstacles put in by friendly troops - signed 1100 - via msgr.
315	C-68	68 CP	C-68 brought in three men found at Obersoutlzbach - Paul Duerringer, Nationality French, Entered German Army 16 June 43 - deserted 16 Nov 44 - home on furlough and never returned. Charles Baltezer - Nationality French - entered German Army 1 Dec 43 - captured in Le Sap Normandy by FFI and released. Michael Voghtling - Nationality French - entered Germany Army 25 May 43 - deserted 14 Dec 1944 - furlough and never returned to unit. These men were arrested at 1100 by Rob't Garman, agent CIC.
320	68 CP	14 AD PW Cage	Three Frenchmen sent to 14th AD PW Cage (see Entry #14).
330	Asst G-2 14 AD	68 CP	(1125 from VI Corps) Town of Cleerbourg (R115445) and at ($1441), 5 or 6 H/T's (ey) came down early this morning. Also one ey patrol at (R160412). At Studdwiller (R1190361) one of our sqds is cut off by a hvy patrol.

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1500	CCA	68 CP	Considerable SAF vic Rothbach from vic (842339) at 1335. Ey tanks firing from NE toward Lichtenberg Castle vic (818358) at 1116 - signed 1455 - via phone.
1610	- - - - - - -		B-68 outposted positions relieved by 1 plat B-94 Rcn. B-68 reassembling at Weinbourg. Balance of unit carrying out training as per schedule (see copy atchd). 1-C-125 Engrs and C Troop 94 Rcn (-) joined unit for mounted march to Soultz-sous-Forets.
1715	C-68	68 CP	Two Frenchmen picked up coming into Obersoultzbach without proper pass, by C-68. (Ernest Rempp and George Hoffman.
1718	CCA	68 CP	1515 Engr Bn (ey) counter-attacking Phillipsburg from NW. Atk preceded by 200 rds lt arty - via phone.
1725	68 CP	14 AD PW Cage	Two Frenchmen sent to PW Cage - see Entry #18.
1840	CCA	68 CP	At Inglesheim (1441) prisoners captured from 3d Company, 21st Panzer Rcn Bn - no time given.
1840	CCA	68 CP	Fighting continues around Gambsheim. None of our troops in town yet. Ey attempting to re-inforce this action with troops crossing the river in barges. One barge was observed with gun mounted on it. No info of ey activity N or S of this point - msg via phone.
2045	- - - - - -		Unit and attachments crossed IP (Obermodern) on mtd motor march to Soultz-sous-Forets.

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Time	From	To	
0432	- - - - -		Unit and attachments closed in at Soultz-sous-Forets.
0800	CCA	68 CP	Troop C 94 Rcn (-) relieved from attachment to 68th.
0915	CCA	68 CP	9 ey tks with infantry at (160380) about dawn - signed 0855 - via msgr.
0930	CCA	68 CP	One company ey Infantry vic Riedseltz - via phone
1130	1-C-125	68 CP	1-C-125 Engrs in from road rcn mission. For results see overlay.
1200	CCA	68 CP	Ey entering Aspach (1837) from the N at 1045; one company ey at (R156412) at 1045. 7 ey at (R105446) at 0945 - msg via phone.
- - - - - - -			Throughout day unit and attachments remained alert for any forthcoming mission.

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TIME	FROM	TO	MESSAGE
0500	- - - - -		Co B, 827th TD Bn joint unit; closed in Soultz-sous-Forets.
1000	- - - - -		Rcn made by I&R Plat Ldr, CO, Co B, 827th TD Bn, for defensive positions in vic Soultz-sous-Forets.
1100	68 CP	CC CCA	One civilian sent to CCA PW Cage.
1255	CCA	68 CP	4 Mark IV Tks at (165383) at 1125 - signed 1240 - via phone.
1330	68 CP	CCA	One civilian to CCA PW Cage picked up by C-68, charged with using German field glasses from atop a building in Soultz-sous-Forets - occupation: minister.
1520	CCA	68 CP	(Via Ln O) Stundwiller is now occupied by our troops. Elements of the 21st Panzer Div in the vic of Stundwiller.
1540	CCA	68 CP	41 PW's from 7th Co, 192 Panzer Grenadier Regt captured vic Stundwiller; 18 PW's taken from 5th Co. 125th Panzer Grenadier Regt. Take same place. Although elements of both Armd Inf Regts of 21st Panzer Div have been located in SE part of Task Force Wahl sector, the strength of ey atks there indicates a definite enemy capability of attacking in NW part of Task Force Wahl sector with the unlocated 22d Panzer Regt and the bulk of the two Armd Inf Regts - signed 1510 - via msgr.
1615	- - - - -		Co B, 827th TD, made paractice move to defensive firing positions on high ground approx 1/2 mi. N of Soultz-sous-Forets and upon completion returned to Soultz-sous-Forets.
2310	CCA	68 CP	Patrol reports Cleebourg held in strength by ey at 2005/ PW from 1st Co 937 Regt of 245th Volks Grenadier Div captured at (092462) while enroute to establish contact with Hardt Regt at Clembach (R0946) states Hardt Regt attached to 245 Volks Gren Div. His own company in vic of Cleebourg - strength about 170 men - signed 2237 - via phone.

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615	CCA	68 CP	Alert your nit to be ready to move at 0815 to SE. (via phone)
825	CCA	68 CP	Hatten being atked from N and NW. Civilians in Hatten reported to be firing at our troops. Ey at edge of Hatten at 0800 - via phone.
930	CCA	68 CP	At 0910 ey tanks were spotted in vic (198338) emerging from the woods. Our hvy arty put on them and TD's alerted - via phone.
002	CCA	68 CP	5 ey Tks at (R198338) at 0915 - signed 0945 - via phone.
129	CCA	68 CP	One ey Tk seen vic (177332) at 1042.
315	T.F. Wahl (Thru CCA)	68 CP	Hatten under ey tk battle. Ordered one plat Co B, 827th TD Bn, to that sector immediately.
325	- - - - -		1 Plat, Co B, 827th TD Bn departed to vic Hatten to support tk battle N of that town.
400	CCA	68 CP	OP's report 16 Mark IV Tks , 9 personnel carriers, 8 Half Tracks at (180324) moving toward Hatten at 1315 - signed 1347 - via msgr.
415	CCA	68 CP	Same as Entry #8 - signed 1347 - via msgr.
427	INTERCEPT		94th Rcn to CCA - Total of 15 tks in vic of (165345).
435	INTERCEPT		94th Rcn to CCA - 5 Tks of ey have moved up to (170331) - only ten tks at (169350).
450	INTERCEPT		94th Rcn to CCA - Tks at (169350) are withdrawing to the East.
500	- - - - - -		Balance Co B, 827th TD Bn and Co C, 48 Tk Bn, departed from Soultz-sous-Forets to vic of Hatten to support tk battle north of Hatten and relieved from atchment this unit.
503	INTERCEPT		94th Rcn to CCA - 7 ey tks now burning at (165430) - time 1500.
555	INTERCEPT		94th Rcn to CCA - 6 rds presumed to be 88mm fell at (164337) direction from the East, presumed to be about 700 meters East of Hoffen at 1550 - signed 1555.
620	INTERCEPT		Situation remains unchanged except for 9 more rds on same position - time 1615.
655	INTERCEPT		Some SAF has been landing this vic, apparently coming from extreme distance from the E - signed 1655.

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Map:

FROM	TO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC.
- - - -	-	Rcn made by CO and S-3 in conjunction with I&R Plat to select defensive position sites in this sector. See overlay.
I&R Ln	68 CP	Info from adjacent unit: Reports the 5th Bn of 25th Panzer Div, 3 companies in each Bn, and 10 tks to each co. Mechanized activity at 2100 coming from Riedseltz to Ingolsheim.

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Map: France XXXVIII-14

From	To	Message
- - - - - - -		CO, Co C, 48 Tk Bn, reported back in to 68 CP. Still under control of 48 Tk Bn.
INTERCEPT		In past two hrs approx 250 rds of 170mm arty has fallen on George's position over a radius of 400 yds from direction of Hatten - signed 0835.
CCA	68 CP	200 ey attacking from East of Hatten; also attacking by fire from woods S of Hatten - signed 0853.
INTERCEPT		At 0810 about 200 ey began an atk on Hatten from the East. They have fire support from S of town which may develop into an attack - signed 0853.
CCA	68 CP	Same msg as Entry #3 - via phone.
CCA	68 CP	A-48 in position on line Ck Pts 32-35. This unit (68) on an immediate alert.
INTERCEPT		Ey atk with tanks and Inf reported from NW toward Rittershoffen and Hatten. Investigate by observation - signed 1025.
CCA	68 CP	68 is placed on 10 min. alert status - via phone.
INTERCEPT		170mm coming into George in salvo of 3 every 15 seconds from direction of Hatten - signed 1110.
INTERCEPT		50 rds landed at How from direction of Hatten, believed to be hvy cal mortar - signed 1113.
INTERCEPT		Unable to observe ey activity except arty in Rittershoffen-Hatten Area - signed 1130.
- - - - - -		Entry #11 is answer to Entry #7.
INTERCEPT		Ey smoking ridge at (135355) direction of fire from N - 12 rds landed observed from Kuhlendorf at 1140 - signed 1150.
INTERCEPT		Just destroyed a tank at (173338). Msg rec'd from A-48 - signed CO, 48.
- - - - - -		Three ey planes in the vic of Soultz-sous-Forets.
INTERCEPT		To CCA from 48 Tks - Ey tks moving left side Ck Pt 32 - signed 1313.
68 CP	CIC	Two civilians turned over to CIC in Soultz-sous-Forets at 1330. Civilians picked up were from Hunspach.
CCA	68 CP	Have C-48 move to Ck Pt 34 at once. When they reach there they will pass to control of 48 Tk Bn.

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FROM	TO	
INTERCEPT		To CCA from CO 48 - Ey tks moving left side Ck Pt #32 - signed 1013.
INTERCEPT		To CCA from CO 48 - Regarding msg 1315 - No. of ey tks - one lge one.
- - - -	- - -	C-48 departed Soultz-sous-Forets. See Entry #18.
68 CP	CIC	Two civilians (1 man and 1 woman) to CIC in Soultz-sous-Forets. (Left Germany 3 Dec).
68 CP	CIC	One civilian to CIC in Soultz-sous-Forets; coming from Hermerswiller.
INTERCEPT		To CCA from 48 Tks - No change in resistance; Engrs since noon.
68 CP	CIC	One Frenchman turned over to CIC; picked up coming from Kutzenhausen.
INTERCEPT		6 vehicles that were seen at 1545 were stationary. Get in touch with our runner to get info of 2 ey tks in Hatten.
- - - -	- - -	2 rds arty fell vic Soultz-sous-Forets (1937)
CCA	68 CP	68 now on one (1) hour alert - via phone.
68 CP	CCA	Msg of 1725 relayed.
- - - -	- - -	A-48 Tk atchd to 68. Vehicles in progress of closing in at Soultz-sous-Forets.
CCA	68 CP	68 on 1/2 hr alert, starting 110730 Jan 45.
CCA	68 CP	Alert unit for possible movement to SE, vic of Kuhlendorf.

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- - - -	- - -	Head of column began mtd motor march to Kuhlendorf from Soultz-sous-Forets. A-48 remaining in Soultz-sous-Forets.
- - - -	- - -	Head of column arrived Kuhlendorf.
- - - -	- - -	B-68 and C-68 began digging in defensive positions on high ground SE of Kuhlendorf.
- - - -	- - -	Tail of column closed in at Kuhlendorf.
68 CP	CCA	Column closed Kuhlendorf area 0625. - via radio.
CCA	68 CP	Acknowledgment of msg of 0715.
CCA	68 CP	Ey vehicle movement East of Hatten at 0545 and daylight. At 0445 four or five vehicles observed moving from Stundwiller to Ashback. 222d Inf reports vehicles not known moving to Ingolsheim and turning SE. Rittershoffen rec'd a hvy shelling 0530. 315th expects an atk at daylight. Gen Brooks expects an atk on a broad front. TD's closed in Leiterswiller area 0320.
Cn Co 315	68 CP	Ey patrol was observed at (163348).
C-68	68 CP	Rec'd one slight casualty from a rd of ey arty at 0822.
68 CP	CCA	Approx 25 rds of est. 105mm ey arty fell (137350) between 0845 and 0855. Direction of fire - 166 deg. mag. az. - via radio.
68 CP	CCA	Entry #10 to CCA, via msgr.
68 CP	CCA	35 rds of est. 105mm ey arty fell vic (145353) from 0845 to 0855. Observed on an az. of 1400 mag. az. from (145354) - signed 0930 - via radio.
- - - -	- - -	A-48 Tk arrived at Kuhlendorf; remaining on outskirts of town to W in deployed position.
68 CP	CIC	One civilian sent to CIC in Soultz-sous-Forets. Civilian was picked up coming thru our lines from Rittershoffen.
- - - -	- - -	A-48 making rcn for positions to move tks up to support 68.
CCA	68 CP	Via Ln O: "48 will hold positions strongly vic Rittershoffen, preventing both enemy armor and Inf. from moving to W or NW. 68 complete its defense positions and hold this position, preventing any movemen to W or NW past it. Both Bns be prepared for hvy ey armored atk that is likely to come at any time today. Both Bns make plans for C/Atk to E and SE. Boundary between bns to be E-W 34 grid line. This C/Atk will be launched only on orders from this Hq. Signed CO CCA - 1036// A-68 will be returned to

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FROM	TO	
CCA	68 CP	(Contd) 68 shortly. It will be used as Bn Res. Make plans to use entire Bn in C/Atk which may be ordered at later hour today. However, do not commit A-68 w/o my authority - signed, CO CCA - not time.
CCA	68 CP	Road reported cut by ey vic (155340). Report not verified.
68 CP	B-68	Entry #18 to B-68.
68 CP	C-68	Entry #18 to C-68.
B-68	68 CP	4 screaming meamies fell vic (145347) Direction 80 deg. mag az.
68 CP	CCA	Above msg to CCA.
B-68	68 CP	Eight more rds (145347) 80 deg mag az.
Hq Co MG Plat	68 CP	Hvy arty between us and Mort OP directly in front and left.
Hq Co MG Plat	68 CP	Hvy arty falling vic (145349). Began 1220 - 1 rd per minute. Direct 27 deg. mag az.
B-68	68 CP	Screaming meamies in groups of two and three since 1145 from mag az. 102 degrees, falling vic (145347).
68 CP	CCA	Entries #25 and #26 to CCA.
CCA	68 CP	Contacted 48 Tks in Rittershoffen; they report road not cut.
CCA	68 CP	George 6 fired on from S edge of Rittershoffen at approx 1315. One tk seen in town at 1255. Maximum no. of tanks in town - 4. Cancelled rcn patrol to Rittershoffen.
CCA	68 CP	(Via Ln O) Brought msg of plan for coordinated atk of Rittershoffen; to begin at 1545 today. 68 to move rifle co's SE along creek line to position SW of Rittershoffen. 68 - Above co and Co A south of Leiterswiller and with A-48 atchd moves E w/o delay, will atk and capture NE end of Rittershoffen, and push on to East and capture Northern half of Hatten.
CCA	68 CP	Per orders CCA, Co B-68 relieved and atchd to 48 Tk Bn.
- - -	- - -	A-68 returned to control parent unit. Co Comdrs 68 plus attachments given orientation of atk plan to start at 1545.
- - -	- - -	Atk launched as per CCA order.

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FROM	TO	MESSAGE
RADIO INTERCEPT		8 to 10 ey tks coming into Rittershoffen from NE.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Above msg.
C-68	Rear CP	C-68 advancing to high power line NW of Rittershoffen.
Rear CP	AT Plat B-68	You will outpost Kuhlendorf.
C-68	Rear CP	C-68 getting SAF (tracer) over their heads from Rittershoffen.
Rear CP	CCA	Above msg.
310 FA	Rear CP	Reports ey digging in on high ground vic (163344); also rpts 3 ey tks in Rittershoffen, not verified.
C-68	Rear CP	Receiving MG fire from edge of town. Apparently from friendly troops.
- - -	- - -	500th AFA firing on two Mark IV Tks at (161345).
RADIO INTERCEPT		Inf. being pushed back by arty fire at (157333) - time signed 1655.
Fwd OP	Rear CP	Request arty on W edge of Rittershoffen.
Rear CP	500 AFA	One rd smoke by 500 AFA to adjust fire on Rittershoffen.
Fwd OP	Rear CP	Our troops pinned down by SAF from the town.
Fwd OP	Rear CP	Request tks to go fwd on line of Inf.
Fwd OP	Rear CP	Unable to observe one rd smoke fired by 500 AFA.
FWd OP	Rear CP	Bldg in town observed on fire as result of 500 AFA firing.
500 FA FO	Rear CP	Troops in edge of town are friendly. Ln O-48 says no friendly troops in town.
Fwd OP	Rear CP	Orange flare burning just W of town.

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FROM	TO	
A-48	Rear CP	Up to line of Inf, firing.
Rear CP	Fwd OP	1 rd of smoke on burning bldg in town by 500 AFA.
Fwd OP	Rear CP	Unable to see rd of smoke on burning bldg.
Fwd OP	Rear CP	Reports one plat A-68 falling back.
- - - -	- - - -	500 AFA fired one rd along N edge of town.
Fwd OP	Rear CP	Reports C-68 is 200 yds NW of edge of town.
Fwd OP	Rear CP	Unable to observe arty fire.
Rear CP	Fwd OP	Two more volleys by 500 AFA along N edge of town.
Fwd OP	Rear CP	Arty apparently quieted SAF somewhat coming from the town.
Fwd OP	Rear CP	Reports 4 walking wounded C-68. Medics on way.
Fwd OP	Rear CP	Rpts SAF from Rittershoffen has apparently stopped. Receiving arty from possible vic of Stundwiller.
RADIO INTERCEPT		Inf (C-68) has fallen back from tks.
- - - -	- - - -	Phone to Fwd OP out. Contacting Fwd OP by SCR 300 to keep Inf with tanks.
A-68	Rear CP	Sending guide to Kuhlendorf-Rittershoffen Road to guide litter bearers to companies.
Fwd OP	Rear CP	CO, 68 ordered Infantry to stay with tks.
Medics	Rear CP	Four walking wounded from C-68 to aid station - slight fragmentation wounds.
Fwd OP	Rear CP	C-68 advancing on right toward town; A-68 rpts most of one plat are casualties and several casualties in balance of platoons.
CCA	Rear CP	Two ey tks that were in W part of Rittershoffen are now moving down the main street in W half of Rittershoffen going W firing into the bldgs.

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Place: Kuhlendorf, Fr.
Map:

TIME	FROM	TO	[illegible]
1827	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Msg of 1826 relayed.
1830	Fwd OP	Rear Cp	A-68 digging in N of town; C-68 digging in W of town.
1850	500 AFA FO	Rear CP	Arty Obsvr at (154344) observed 10 rds of estimated 105mm ey arty coming from a direction of 800 mils and falling in vic Kuhlendorf.
1852	Fwd OP	Rr CP	Ey arty falling on our troops.
1855	500 F.O.	Rr CP	30-40 rds of est. 105mm ey arty fell vic (154344) direction to gun grid az. of 960 mils.
1855	Rr CP	CCA	Via Ln O. Entries #72 and #74.
1900	Fwc OP	Rr CP	Co's moving back to high ground and digging in defense for night (see overlay).
1900	CCA	Rr CP	Assume atk again in morning. Further details later.

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Place: Kuhlendorf, Fr.
Map:

TIME	FROM	TO	EVENTS, MSGS, ETC
0030	CCA	Rr CP	Continued attack on Rittershoffen to commence 0800, this date., dividing town into sectors; to be cleaned up by small assault groups with balance of troops mopping up.
0030	Rf CP	All CO's	Detailed orientation of atk to be made on Rittershoffen at 0800. Gave sketch of Rittershoffen to Co Comdrs. Divide town into sections; to be cleaned up by small assault groups with balance of troops mopping up.
0630	CCA	Rr CP	Report shelling of front lines promptly. Report any attempt at infiltration or atk. Report at time of execution of atk.
0645	Fwd CP	Rr CP	Via In O. Approx 30 rds ey arty fell at 0630. Most of it seemed to be falling on the road leading into Rittershoffen. Apparently from the direction of Stundwiller. No evidence of attempt to infiltrate into our lines by ey.
0650	Rr CP	CCA	Above info to CCA.
0800	Rf CP	CCA	Launched coordinated atk on Rittershoffen.
0800	CCA	Rr CP	CCB atking from NW.
0815	Fwd OP	Rf CP	Lt MG fire from town; troops moving along steadily.
0825	Fwd OP	Rr CP	First Assault Group fired 3 rds at rptd ey tk; received no fire. Sighted AT gun and investigating.
0830	Rf CP	CCA	Above msg to CCA.
0835	Fwd OP	Rear CP	Reported tk fired on by 1st Assault Group is a friendly tank previously knocked out; AT gun also friendly.
0840	Fwd OP	Rear CP	C-68 coming along fine; 5 h/t's in town. C-68 CP located in bldg in Rittershoffen.
0845	Fwd OP	Rear CP	Our tks working on one ey tk and one ey H/T at junction NE lower Ck Pt 1.
0850	Rear CP	CCA	Msg of 0835 relayed.
0852	Fwd OP	Rear CP	C-68 reached Ck Pt 2 on main street in Rittershoffen (see sketch of town).
0853	CCA	Rear CP	Keep pushing rcn patrols to East in Rittershoffen.

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Map:

TIME	FROM	TO	[illegible]
0854	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Msg of 0853.
0905	Fwd OP	Rear CP	Rcn going forward with bazooka to attempt to capture tank and H/T reported in Entry #13 located at Lower Check Point #1 in North half of town, (159344). Troops in South half of town reached Ck Pt #2 (158338) at approx 0855.
0905	Rear CP	Fwd OP	Arty FO is now directing arty fire on ey Inf vic (164332).
0920	Fwd OP	Rear CP	Impossible to adjust; visibility too poor, firing ceased.
0930	Fwd OP	Rear CP	Burp gun fire heard in NE part of town.
0935	Fwd OP	Rear CP	Patrol reached Ck Pt #1 North and ran into one sqd Inf and 3 Mark IV Tks at vic (159343). Patrd driven back will atk them.
0940	Rear CP	CCA	Msg of 0935.
0945	Rear CP	Fwd OP	500th AFA firing on NE of town to prevent ey escape.
0945	CCA	Rear CP	One 1/4 ton truck No. D-20 captured by ey from 48 Tk Bn - via Ln O.
0946	Rear CP	Fwd OP	Msg of 0945
0955	Fwd OP	Rear CP	Atk being launched on 3 Mark IV's and one sqd of ey Inf at Ck Pt #1 North.
1013	CCA	Rear CP	48 Tk Bn receiving hvy SAF from house vic (161336) and from woods SE of that; also receiving arty fire. Ey Inf observed moving into stream bed vic (16403295). Fired on by 48 Tks.
1015	Rear CP	CCA	Arty fire falling in Rittershoffen and open ground W and NW of Rittershoffen. Believed to be harassing unobserved fire.
1038	Fwd OP	Rear CP	Troops moving ahead in town steadily. Assault Group 1 now at Ck Pt 1 Center.
1050	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Fwd CP set up in Rittershoffen at 1015.
1055	Fwd CP	Rear CP	2 rds WP landed on bldg next to Fwd CP in Rittershoffen.
1055	RADIO INTERCEPT		Rpts ey tks firing on Inf from Ck Pt 1 North.
1100	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Troops and tks forced back to Ck Pt 1 South.
1108	48th OP	Rear CP	Ey tks coming out of Hatten toward Rittershoffen.
1109	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Msg of 1108.
1110	Rear CP	CCA	Msgs of 1108 and 1055. (via Ln O).
1112	CCA	Rear CP	Ey white tk rptd at Ck Pt35 (15773380).
1120	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Above msg.
1120	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Request C/Btry on ey arty coming from stream bed E of Leiterswiller.
1124	CCA	Rear CP	Have A-48 fire to knock steeple off church in Rittershoffen.

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Place: Kuhlendorf, Fr.
Map:

TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC.
1126	Rear CP	A-48	Msg of 1124.
1130	CCA	Rear CP	Radio voice transmissions are becoming excessive and will be reduced at once. Msgs to this Hq except in extreme emergencies will invariably be written before transmission. Answers, too, will be written. Ab libbing, except in emergencies, must stop. Briefest possible understandable language will be used - signed CO, CCA.
1135	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Request arty on (161337) - bn 10 volleys. Zone 400 yds. Mort or arty emplacements. Fwd CP cannot adjust.
1140	Rear CP	Fwd CP	500 AFA fired above mission.
1140	Rear CP	CCA	Msg of 1135.
1210	RADIO INTERCEPT		A-48 blasting church steeple in Rittershoffen; steeple knocked out.
1225	Rear CP	CCA	3 rds ey arty fell vic Kuhlendorf from grid az 71 deg. Observer at (13683500).
1230	Fwd CP	Rear CP	No change in situation; advancing very slowly.
1300	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Troops firing on 3 ey tks and sqd of ey Inf to right of Ck Pt 1 North.
1431	Fwd CP	Rear CP	We are receiving hvy cal arty.
1431	RADIO INTERCEPT		5 man patrol is working its way from Hatten to Rittershoffen along RR.
1445	Rear CP	48 Tks	5 man patrol working its way from (179336) to (158338) via (178331) to (160329).
1445	Fwd CP	Rear CP	A-48 firing to silence SAF and MG fire from woods to W of town.
1455	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Suspending A-48 firing on mission in above entry until receipt of further orders from you. May be friendly troops.
1540	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Find out if A-48 is supporting C-68.
1541	Rear CP	A-48	Are you supporting C-68?
1602	Rear Cp	Fwd Cp	Believed to be friendly reserve co. at hill vic (162344).
1612	A-48	Rear Cp	A-48 is supporting C-68.
1614	Rear Cp	Fwd Cp	A-48 is supporting C-68.
1620	Fwd Cp	Rear Cp	(Via Ln O) 1 plat Co C supporting CCB on our right flank. CO directs one ambulance outside of town for casualty position.
1630	Fwd Cp	Rear CP	Main ey activity consists of sniper fire and arty. Occasional burp gun fire, also.
1645	Rear CP	CCA	Above msg.
1720	Fwd Cp	Rear Cp	Reserve company believed to be friendly as rptd at 1602 in vic of (162344) is now believed to be an ey company.
1727	Fwd Cp	Rear Cp	Two ey tks approaching main road vic (157339) at 1722.
1730	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Send MG Plat (Hq Co) forward immediately.
1733	Rear CP	Hq Co	Send MG Plat to Rittershoffen immediately.
1735	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Can MG Plat come in vehicles?
1745	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Mg Plat will come forward in 20 minutes.

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From	To	Message
		Ln O returned to Rear CP with plans for outposting Rittershoffen tonight (see overlay accompanying
Rear CP	Fwd CP	S-3 Report this date).
Fwd CP	Rear CP	We are arranging all outposts for the night.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	We are being atked by one ey tk.
Rear CP	CCA	Above info.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	How do you close gap between troops and North Post ordered by CO, CCA.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Establish contact in gap between CP troops and North post.
3-315	Rear CP	3-315: Request clearnce on Conc #1236 at (17263436) 68: We have no troops in that area, recommend you check with CCA.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Fire fight with ey going on in Rittershoffen. Three ey dead in town in American uniform.
Rear CP	CCA	Above msg.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	How were ey dead identified as Germans? How many more do you suspect are doing same?
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Ey dead were carrying potato masher grenades and firing burp guns.
1-C-125	Rear CP	✓One PW captured by 1-C-125 taken directly to PW Cage at Kuhlendorf. PW captured vic (154344).

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FROM	TO	
CCA	Rear CP	Information from PW captured in Rittershoffen: One Bn of approx 120 men, 2 Engr plats fighting as Inf; 8 or 9 ey in every house we do not have. When atk 3 remain inside, remainder move out. Bldg next E of church has two MG's on second floor. Six ey AG's in town. No ey tks in town.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Above info, via phone.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Info regarding plans for tomorrow, via O msgr.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Inform me of jump-off time.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Jumped off at 0800.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	How are you progressing?
Fwd CP	Rear CP	We are progressing as planned.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	How are you progressing? What is your position? Are you receiving any fire and what kind?
Fwd CP	Rear CP	We are receiving ey SAF. Our positions approaching Ck Pt 1 Center.
Hq Co	Rear CP	AG's fired 64 rds smoke on road jct W edge of town. (Began 0810-0830)
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Receiving ey SAF; our positions approaching Ck Pt 1 Center.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	How are you progressing? What is your position? Are you receiving any fire and what kind?
Fwd CP	Rear CP	We are progressing slowly; we are receiving SAF and a few rds of mort; we cannot tell where they are coming from.
Rear CP	CCA	Entries #9 and 13 to CCA.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	10 rds hvy arty fell at 0900; direction not known.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Are you using same type of assault groups you used yesterday. Is the resistance lt, med, or hvy? What is present most advanced position?
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Ln O to Fwd CQP. for complete dispositions and their plans and recommendations.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	100 yds S from Ck Pt 1 Center; advancing slowly meeting hvy resistance - SAF and mortar.
Rear CP	CCA	Entries #15 and 18.
CCA	Rear CP	16 P47's over Hatten at 1000 to drop supplies to isolated troops of 315 Inf.
RADIO INTERCEPT		C-48 spotted ey tks, fired 4 rds at tks - believe it was hit, but believe it is still in action. C-48 spotted ey H/T, fired on it with 76mm and H/T is now on fire.
Rear CP	A-48	What is relationship of your tks in regards to Ck Pts? How about plat in N of town?
Rear CP	CCA	Entry #21, plus: B-68 and C-68 are moving fwd meeting slight resistance in Eastern edge of Rittershoffen.
Rad Opr	Rear CP	When CCA called 68 and unknown sta came in very faintly and told CCA to "go ahead". Unknown sta came in very faintly. Could be ey station trying to get a "fix".
Rear CP	CCA	Correction on Entry #21: 3-48 knocked out ey H/T instead of C-48. H/T now on fire at W end of town. Also relayed Entry #24 to CCA via Ln O.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Troops near Ck Pt 1 North moving to join forces at Ck Pt 1 Center.
Rear CP	CCA	Entry #26 relayed.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	(Via Ln O) Plan of atk - Co A on W left St and Co C on right strett, atking by tk-inf teams. More Inf with ea tk than yesterday. Resistance same as yesterday with a little less arty, but we are doing better. In communication with 3-315 Inf by phone and SCR 300.(Channel #1). 1-C-125 to remain in reserve in present location. 2 Tks being used on street with C-68 and 3 on street with A-68. Balance in support. Tks need ammo.

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CCA	Rear CP	Ey MG covering Kuhlendorf Road at vic (156341). Neutralize or destroy.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	C-68 encountered ey MG and tk firing on it.
A-48	Rear CP	H/T knocked out 50 yds W of Ck Pt #1 Center. SP Tk hit same vic but withdrew.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	That woods to W of Rittershoffen is not cleared. Ln O just received fire from there on his return. CO, CCA demands woods be cleared.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	4 rds arty from az. 1000 mils fell approx 1045, approx 105mm; also rec'd some hvy mort fire.
Rear CP	CCA	Entries #31 & #33 relayed to CCA.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Will send Tks and Inf to clear out woods.
48 Tk	Rear CP	Inf report meeting ey tk in Rittershoffen and looks as if it will make break down road to Hatten.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Entry #36 relayed to Fwd CP.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	We are about 25 yds from main jct (Ck Pt 1 North).
Fwd CP	Rear CP	We have captured 2 ey. Shall we send them to you or turn them over to other unit?
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Ln O coming up; send 2 ey back with him.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	What are your dispositions, etc? Can 1-C-125 move in with you for protection from arty and to avoid exposure cases. I will arrange movement.
242 Inf	Rear CP	French civilian working with 242d Inf reports approx 100 ey in Forestal, 20 ey in Kessel, 100 ey in Beinheim, and 400 ey in Seltz. Armor assembly area grid square (3326) NW of Seltz. Two lge guns drawn by tractor taken into Hatten this morning. One large gun behind pillbox SE of Hatten. Ey Inf moving into Hatten. Fired on by arty and lost one track. (Reported to 94th by 242d).
Fwd CP	Rear CP	We are held up by hvy fire from bldgs which we are attempting to destroy.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Suggest using one tk less and MG personnel for Inf. Give Ck Pts of furthest positions.
Rear CP	CCA	Entry #42 relayed to CCA.
Rear CP	CCA	Two PW's captured in Rittershoffen sent to CCA PW Cage in Kuhlendorf.
Rear CP	CCA	A-68 on left and C-68 on right about to form a jct near Ck Pt 1 North.
Rear CP	CCA	2 PW's captured by 68 in Rittershoffen. Cpl August Wolff (PW of 1st Co, 25th Pz Div) said there were about 10 ey tks in town, some with flame throwers. Stephen Worber (PW) of 7th Co, 125th Regt, 21st Pz Div, stated he knew of two Mk IV Tks.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Ln O returned to Rear CP. Rpts troops about half way up on left road (A-68) and right road (C-68).
Rear CP	Fwd CP	1-C-125 on way forward.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Can anyone give coordinates and observe to register 75's and 81's?
Rear CP	A-48	Find out what tks are doing; verify information on ey tks knocked out.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	So far we have no need for 81's or 75's.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	75's and 81's wish to be registered. I repeat last question.
INTERCEPT		From C-68 to Fwd CP: We are 100 yds to right of road; 315 Inf has MG covering open field to your right rear.
C-68	Rear CP	3 ey Tks - one burning and one believed knocked out, approx 1240.

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Fwd CP	Rear CP	Two ey tks knocked out just N of Ck Pt #1 Center.
Rear CP	CCA	Entry #57 to CCA.
A-48	Rear CP	A-48 knocked out 2 ey tks vic Ck Pt #1 Center.
Rear CP	CCA	Entry #59 to CCA.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Friendly troops on left will probably fire across your front; have given them a southern limiting pt.
Rear CP	A-48	Tks on left will probably start firing E across front as they advance; they have been given southern limiting point.
Rear CP	A-48	Make sure above msg gets to Tks D-1 and D-2.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Can you adjust fire for 75's and 81's. They want to register; you name coordinates.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Cannot adjust 81's and 75's.
Rear CP	Hq Co	Can fire on (15883430) and adjust your own fire.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Receiving intense mortar fire - send all I&R personnel and I&R H/T fwd.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Send I&R Plat & H/T's to Rittershoffen immediately to flush out ey mort fire in town.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Still receiving mortar fire, also arty. Visibility 100 yds due to bldgs and smoke.
Hq Co	Rear CP	75's and 81's registered in on (15883430).
Rear CP	CCA	Entries #67 & #69.
Rear CP	CCA	Two civilians sent to PW Cage. Picked up attempting to come thru Rittershoffen.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Ln O returned to Rear CP with plans for resupply. Stiff sniper, MG & arty and mortar resistance continues. Plan to withdraw to same positions in town as last night due to bldgs ahead of them burning and offer no shelter. Tks to revert to same positions as last night.
CCA	Rear CP	PWI's report that both PW's (see Entry #48), were from 25th Pz Div that one company of ey paratroopers came into Rittershoffen at night and that one regt is due. Also report 3 to 6 Flak Wagons are in town.
Medics	Rear CP	Report of Casualties as of 1530: WIA - 7; NBC - 3; SIA - 7.
Rear CP	CCA	Two PW's to PW Cage. PW's were turned over to our Inf NE of Rittershoffen by CCB, Tk crew. When and where captured not known.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Slight counterattack in town without tks. Situation well in hand.
Rear CP	CCA	Entry #76 to BCA. Also that civilians turned over to PW Cage (see Entry #72) were sent by PW Cage to Mayor who turned them loose.
315	Rear CP	Request permission to fire Conc #1236 (17243436).
Rear CP	315	OK to fire Conc #1236 (17243436).
62 AIB	Rear CP	PW's mentioned in Entry #76 captured by 25th Tk Bn vic (166348) at approx 1430.
Rear CP	CCA	Entries #77 and #82.
FwdrCP	RearCP	One med tank at end nearest us of your area was atk on road by lge ey patrol with bazooka. Appears that road temporarily cut.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	(Via Msgr) One of our tks in position N or Kuhlendorf-Rittershoffen Rd and W of Rittershoffen was atked at 1750 by ey. One rd of bazooka hit tk turret, wounding one man seriously. Casualty did not get to aid sta in Rittershoffen due to ey fire.

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		Entry #84.
Rear CP	CCA	
- - -	- - -	Rear CP ascertained by questioning crew members of tk mentioned in Entry #84 that town was not cut off. Tks withdrawing from town came in contact with ey patrol which our tks drove off.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Ln O returned from Fwd CP. Contact patrols tying in with 48 Tk Bn on right and CCB on left, with contact patrols to begin at 1930. Will fire harassing SAF into houses which may be occupied by ey. 500 AFA to fire harassing fires every 15 min. throughout night on NE part of town.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	C/Atk by ey at 1700 consisted of approx 60 men. Situation in hand. A-68 killed 12-15 ey who attempted to infiltrate their position at approx 1815.
Rear CP	CCA	Entry #88.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Have supporting arty fire on movving ey vehicles vic (15933395).
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Cease firing; mission accomplished.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Request fire mission vic (15933395) Barrage at (15933395) is 100 yds short.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Request intense arty on Northern part of Rittershoffen vic (158341).
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Arty firing Emergency Barrage vic (15973429).
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Arty placing fire on (158341).
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Move fire a little to left; ey c/atking from E.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Which direction is left?
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Left is (158343) - Fire.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Adjust fire.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Strong ey c/atk to E. All available fires being placed on them.
Rear CP	Hq Co	Have AG's and mortars fire two fires - AG's to fire 10 volleys on fuze quick at point (15823428); morts to traverse line from (15123418) to (15223404). Mortars to fire 10 volleys.
Rear CP	A-48	Keep me closely informed of progress, regarding c/atk.
CCA	Rear CP	Move tks up to 500 yds to left rear of town.
Rear CP	A-48	Above msg.
- - -	- - -	Ln O out on order of CCA to a point 0.7 mi. from Kuhlendorf to observe and detect any ey vehicles which may try to infiltrate. In case they do Ln O to return to CCA and notify them immediately so they may committ reserve.
500 FO	Rear CP	Action on left flank slacking up.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Send A-68 AT Plat to Rittershoffen to hold as reserve,
Rear CP	A-68 AT	Get AT guns on road and move into Rittershoffen; will be met by guides. Move out with all possible speed.
500 AFA	Rear CP	Firing at ey vehicles vic (162340) and (162337).
CCA	Rear CP	Report all progress of ey atk in clear.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Above info.

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FROM	TO	
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Med Tks back in old positions; suggest some security.
Hq Co	Rear CP	Hq Co: Do you want AG and 81mm mort to stay on same registration? Rear: Yes, in case you have to fire further. Hq Co: AG fired 100 rds and 81mm's - 50 rds.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	How are things going? Tell me in clear.
Rear CP	CCA	One ey tk knocked out by arty fire. Tk is now burning.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Things quieting down; no more activity.
Rear CP	CCA	Above msg; defenses intact; further info forthcoming from us.
Rear CP	CCA	100 rds AG HE fuze quick and 50 rds 81mm mort fired. Atks observed by an arty officer who stated that they struck exactly in the areas in which the ey were occupying. We have reports of one ey tk knocked out by our tks and 3 ey tks knocked out by our tk-stalking teams. Activity has practically ceased; road to Rittershoffen from the woods is open.
CCA	Rear CP	Report every 10 min. that lines are holding, or if break-through occupied, what has gotten through.
CCA	Rear CP	Report enemy tanks breaking through to southeast in 315 Infantry area.
Rear CP	CCA	Ten Minute report to CCA - Line intact.
Hq 315I	Rear CP	Enemy h/tracks moving from Hatten to Rittershoffen since arty barrage. H/tracks not thought to be on road. If we get more information will let you know.
CCA	Rear CP	Enemy tanks reported having broken through L Co sector, 315 Inf at 2240.
Rear CP	CCA	Above info.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	AT plt A-68 on way up to meet guide at Rittershoffen.
Rear CP	CCA	Ten minute report to CCA - No change.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Enemy tanks through I-315. Careful.
CCA	Rear CP	Watch closely any indication of withdrawal. Follow with patrols. Report it at once to this hq for arty fire.
Rear CP	CCA	Ten minute report to CCA - No change.
CCA	Rear CP	Additional enemy tanks and h/tracks entering Rittershoffen from Hatten.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Above info.
Rear CP	CCA	Ten minute report to CCA - No change.
CCA	Rear CP	CO CCA reminds us we may lay mines but must pick them up in the morning.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Order for tomorrow, 14 Jan 45, continue the attack with the same boundaries and after outposting our sector to the north and east, to reorganize and prepare, to attack Hatten if CCR is unable to take the town. To continue the attack at 0800.
Rear CP	CCA	Ten minute report to CCA - No change.

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Rear CP	CCA	10 minute report - no change.
Rear CP	CCA	10 minute report - no change.
CCA	Rear CP	(Via Ln O) You may recall officer who is observing for possible ey infiltration from his position 0.7 mi. E of Kuhlendorf.
Rear CP	CCA	10 minute report - no change.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Request fire mission coord (158343). Ey tks.
Arty Ln O	500 AFA	Fire mission (158343). Request 3 volleys on ey tks.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Ey tks moving SW into Rittershoffen via (158343).
Rear CP	CCA	Above msg to CCA.
Rear CP	CCA	10 minute report - Ey tks moving SW into Rittershoffen vic (158343).
500 AFA	Arty Ln	Fire mission on the way.
500 AFA	Arty Ln	Rounds complete.
Arty Ln	500 AFA	Cease firing.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Arty fire 100 yds short and 50 yds left.
Arty Ln	500 AFA	Sensing - one volley - 100 yds short and 50 yds left. Fired mission.
Rear CP	CCA	10 minute report - Ey tks still in previously reported position.
Rear CP	CCA	(Via Ln O) Tks still in previously reported position. Arty on them; can observe general area and not vehicles. 2 flares over left edge of town at 0050.
Rear CP	CCA	10 minute report - Sound of ey vehicles still apparent; am placing arty.
Arty FO	Arty Ln	Tks (ey) moving from N to S vic (158343). Tks are not moving anymore.
Arty FO	Arty Ln	Arty firing on (158343).
Rear CP	CCA	10 minute report - Situation static, continuing to place arty fire.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Have arty continue fire mission.
Rear CP	CCA	Request withdrawal of tks from Rittershoffen for maint. Nothing beind done by ey.
CCA	Rear CP	Fifty percent of tks can withdraw from Rittershoffen (Ref: above).
Rear CP	CCA	10 minute report - Situation remains the same; we are firing spradic arty fire at same point.
CCA	Rear CP	(Via Ln O) Watch your security. Through the night be ready with all fires. Look out for changed ey AT Gun positions in the morning. Reports may be submitted every half hour.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Has Ln O Msgr left?
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Ln O Msgr has left.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Ln O Msgr returned to Rear CP with following info: Want arty fire vic (158343) 50 right, 100 short - Fwd FO sensing. No vehicular casualties for us. Tks came around Co A's left. At the same time ey flame thrower tk in vic of church. One tk with Inf (Co A Team) knocked out one ey tk. Four ey tks knocked out by A-68 with a bazooka within one hour after ey C/Atk. Tk with Co C Team does not know whether it knocked out ey tk or personnel carrier - either one or the other. At 0100 ey activity more or less ceased. Cannot give anything on casualties. A-68 has about thirty men left and C-68 about 60 men. Approx 100 ey killed. Probably knocked out two ey tks, 2 ey personnel carriers and 1 ey self propelled gun.

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45	CCA	Rear CP	Report ey situation every half hour.
45	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Request hvy concentration at (158343).
45	- - - -	- - - -	500 AFA firing hvy concentration at (158343).
00	Rear CP	CCA	30 Minute Sitrep - No change.
3	INTERCEPT		Fwd CP to A68: Fwd: Do you still hear ey tks? A68: Yes.
30	Rear CP	CCA	30 Minute Sitrep - No change.
00	Rear CP	CCA	30 Minute Sitrep - No change.
00	CCA	Rear CP	Negative reports only every hour.
43	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Indistinct msg: "Flare just went up over B68".
50	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Verified above msg.
00	Rear CP	CCA	Hourly Sitrep - No change.
30	CCA	Rear CP	Coded msg - About 0430 two half tracks will take supplies to Hatten moving from (160329) to (173320) to Hatten.
00	Rear CP	CCA	Hourly Sitrep - No change.
0	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Sounds of renewed ey tk activity to the NE.
3	Rear CP	CCA	Sounds of renewed ey tk activity to the NE.
0	Rear CP	CCA	Hourly Sitrep - No change.
8	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Two flares have gone up and we have SAF from the E - reported by A68.
0	Rear CP	CCA	Above msg via phone.
0	Rear CP	CCA	Ey SAF to N flank via radio.
5	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Med tks assembled outside your position. Tell Tk Co Acting C.O. to call in Tk #7 for communication.
5	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Flame throwing tk E of Ck Pt #2 South. Friendly troops attempting to knock it out.
7	Rear CP	CCA	Above msg via Ln O (Lt Post)
5	Rear CP	CCA	Msg rec'd at 0755 to CCA, via phone.
0	Rear CP	Fwd CP	CO, A48 on way; have guide out.
2	A-48	Rear CP	Is Capt Ory on his way up?
2	Rear CP	A-48	Yes, Ory is on his way up; have guide out.
9	A-48	Rear CP	2 ey AT guns in NW edge of town seen at 0815. Get arty on them at (158342).
0	Rear CP	CCA	Above msg to CCA.
2	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Tks report 2 ey AT guns moving into position at (158342). Is it OK to fire arty?
4	Rear CP	Hq Co	Lay 81mm mortars on (158342) and prepare to fire on our command.
5	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Go ahead and fire on ey AT Guns at (158342).
5	Rear CP	Hq Co	Fire 81mm's on (158342) immediately.
9	Rear CP	CCA	2 ey AT guns reported at (158342).
0	Rear CP	CCA	Tk-stalking team with one tk moving toward ey flame throwing tk.

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342	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Flame thrower tk knocked out.
345	Rear CP	CCA	Above info to CCA.
349	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Everything under control so far.
914	Hq 14 AD	Rear CP	Condition is Red.
915	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Condition is Red.
30	CCA	Rear CP	(From 315 Inf) Bldgs S side of main street in 315 sector are burning. Fire spreading fast. They report 68 knocked out SP gun center of Rittershoffen. Ey arty, mortar remains intense. Have not advanced today.
35	CCA	Rear CP	Operations Instructions #19, CCA, via Ln O.
40	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Operations Instructions #19, CCA, on way up.
46	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Are AT guns reported this morning still in position? If so, can our fire on them be observed? If it can be observed we can register 8" guns.
50	Fwd CP	Rear CP	We have Inf. in those woods after AT Guns. At present they are held up by ey MG fire.
51	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Did atk jump off on schedule?
53	Rear CP	CCA	30 Minute Report - No ey activity. Sending Inf. bazooka team after AT Guns vic (158342), and they are being held up by MG fire.
10	CCA	Rear CP	14 AD Arty wants to bring Corps Arty on (15903426).
12	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Is it OK to fire above?
12	CCA	Rear CP	What are results of 96 rds of 81mm and 75mm?
15	CCA	Rear CP	S-2, CCA, upon returning from Fwd CP rpts A-68 encountering 2 ey MG's from woods where 2 AT guns were reported - atking them with our mortars.
15	500 AFA	Arty Ln	Clearance on fire mission (15903426). Corps arty fired.
22	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Cannot give results of 81mm mortar and 75mm AG fire.
25	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Ln O Msgr returned and reports Bn jumped off 0900. Inf moving up to knock out ey AT Guns; held up ey MG fire. Atk will continue as soon as guns are neutralized.
35	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Receiving mortar fire; send ambulance at once.
38	Rear CP	CCA	1030 30 Min Sitrep - Receiving mortar fire.
00	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
05	Arty FO	Rear CP	AT (ey) Guns were fired on effectively. A48 is firing on them now and is able to do a better job of observing.
08	Arty FO	Rear CP	Troops holding where they are.
10	Rear CP	CCA	Entry #85.
12	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Burp gun fire coming from our right. We are receiving intense hvy mortar fire.
30	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep: Burp gun fire coming from our right. We are receiving intense hvy mortar fire.
45	INTERCEPT FROM AA TO REAR CP		Condition is Red.

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148	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Do you desire arty fire on ey held portions of town to neutralize mortar fire?
158	INTERCEPT FROM AA TO REAR CP		Yellow alert.
58	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Only fire requested is WP on same concentration now being fired by AG's. We are receiving intense hvy cal mortar fire.
200	Rear CP	Hq Co	Fire above - If AG's do not have WP, fire 81mm's.
206	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Still receiving intense hvy mortar fire.
210	Hq Co	Rear CP	On the way with AG W.P. mission.
211	Rear CP	Fwd CP	How were effects of that fire? Do you want anything else.
215	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Effects of fire unknown; nothing else wanted at present.
218	CCA	Rear CP	(Via Ln O) M-12 has been sent up to destroy ey on right flank of Rittershoffen. Woods to W of Rittershoffen flushed of ey by patrols. Report white ey tk maneuvering vic of church. 315 Inf on right not moving up; holds us up. Troops driven back from N around AT gun.
230	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep: No change.
232	CCA	Rear CP	Ey is reported constantly using mortar fire against our positions. Retalliate to the full extent of available ammo.
235	500 AFA	Fwd FO	Ln plane of arty to adjust fire on NW sector of Rittershoffen.
240	Rear CP	Hq Co	Fire either 81mm (12 rds - 4 volleys) or 75's (3 volleys) searching fire on ey mortars (164345), (16523468), (16713464), (16823422), (16963482), and (17403446).
242	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Am searching area NW of Rittershoffen by fire for mortar position.
250	A-68	Fwd CP	Intercept: (Relayed to Rear CP) Two PW's (Medics).
301	62 AIB	Rear CP	Ln plane reports movement of H/T's on high ground between Rittershoffen and Hatten and could not determine which way they were going. Do you have troops in that vicinity?
301	Rear CP	62 AIB	We do not have vehicles in that area. We have info that Div Arty fired on one ey vehicles in that area.
310	Intercept	Rr CP	Ey planes overhead.
312	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep: Friendly arty firing on positions believed to be occupied by ey mortars.
315	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Rds on AG & mortar (81mm) complete? Do you want any more fire?
320	Fwd CP	Rear CP	No more ey mortar fire for last 30 minutes since arty and AG fire.
323	A68	Fwd CP	Intercept: Ey has been spotted going South in our sector. Watch out and be very alert.
325	Intercept	Rr CP	All clear on Red Alert.
327	Fwd CP	A-68	(Intercept) Have you spotted any ey? A68: Yes, we have spotted some ey carrying Red Cross flag.
329	Fwd CP	A-48	(Can you adjust fire on ey?
330	Rear CP	CCA	Ey has been observed moving South in our sector; have also seen some ey waving Red Cross flag. Info was intercepted from A68 to Fwd CP.

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4 January 1945 — Place Kuhlendorf, France

Time	From	To	Incidents, Messages, Orders
0	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep: Ey mortar fire decreased by our arty. A few scattered ey moving South in Rittershoffen waving Red Cross flag.
0	CCA	Rear CP	315 Inf reports at 1255 intense ey fire is gradually eating into front of positions formerly occupied.
5	Rear CP	CCA	(Via Ln O) At 1300 C68 jumped off at Check Point 12 South followed by A68 in reserve protecting flank. 3 tks working with C68. 3 tks in W of town covering main road for CP protection. 4 tks in reserve.
6	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Fwd FO reports he can adjust fire on center of town.
8	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Ask FO if he can adjust fire on ey.
8	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Ey was seen approaching from North, no further developments.
1	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep: Ey was seen approaching from the N. No further developments. Reported ey in the woods W of Rittershoffen cleared.
5	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Any further information concerning 2 prisoners captured.
0	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Fwd: Have two prisoners arrived yet Rear: No.
5	Fwd CP	Rear CP	A68 does not have any prisoners. A68 saw two ey waving Red Cross flag and started out to bring them in. Our patrol was fired upon by ey waving flag and returned fire. 5 ey were spotted crossing our front. We have a patrol out for them.
7	Rear CP	CCA	Above info to CCA.
0	Rear CP	CCA	30 Minute Sitrep - Ey reported moving South was only scattered few. Patrol fired upon by 2 ey waving Red Cross flag. Our patrol returned fire. 5 ey spotted crossing our front; patrol after them.
0	CCA	Rear CP	350 paratroopers yesterday relieved unit in Hatten. Paratroopers are young and tough, signed up for 12 yrs and are bucking for medals. Ey CP at (15903415). Assault Gun in bend of road center of Rittershoffen and AT Gun at (15993410). Ey lost two hvy mortars last night. This info was gained from civilian picked up in Rittershoffen and interviewed by CIC.
8	Fwd CP	Rear CP	315 Inf has been alerted. Ey has been spotted on their right flank.
0	Rear CP	CCA	Above info to CCA.
0	CCA	Rear CP	CCA believes this is the beginning of an enemy counterattack - putting arty on same.
2	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Ey hvy mortar concentration landing along main street.
3	Rear CP	Hq Co	Have AG fire same mission that they fired ealier today.
0	CCA	Rear CP	48 Tk Bn reports ey infiltrating around their right flank from South toward NW; possibly the beginning of an ey atk. They are putting arty fire on them. 315 Inf has been alerted and is ready for them.
7	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Is our AG firing mission?
8	Rear CP	Hq Co	Rear: Have AG's completed their missions? Hq Co: Yes.
8	Rear CP	Fwd CP	AG's have completed their missions.
8	CCA	Rear CP	Ey atk increased in intensity w/tks in vic main junction East of Church and from there to Church and South.
0	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep: Ey intense hvy mortar concentrations landing along main street. Arty placed on ey mort positions believed to be occupied by ey. Sighted an ey vehicles; cannot identify type.

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	FROM	TO	
30	Fwd FO	Rear CP	Ey tk atk at (161338).
32	Fwd CP	Rear CP	We have sighted one ey vehicle - cannot identify type.
33	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Can you give coordinates on sighted ey vehicle. Fwd answered "No".
34	Fwd CP	Rear CP	We are now receiving hvy concentration of ey mortar fire.
42	A-48	Rear CP	A48 taking an ey tk (lt) under fire.
43	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Have spotted ey tk, attempting to knock it out, position unknown.
45	Fwd CP	Rear CP	We are still receiving intense hvy mortar fire.
49	Rear CP	CCA	(via msgr) A48 taking ey lt tank under fire. C68 spotted ey tk, attempting to knock it out.
51	Fwd CP	Rear CP	A48 patrol contacted four ey; shot three, one escaped.
54	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Is bulk of Lt Woodward's outfit in supporting distance?
57	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Yes, bulk of tks up.
58	Rear CP	CCA	Above info to CCA.
59	Medics	Rear CP	Surgeon sent ambulance into Rittershoffen an hour ago and is getting worried about it.
00	CCA	Rear CP	Want ey info every ten minutes in clear by telephone or voice. If telephone is used, call Forage 10.
00	Rear CP	CCA	Intense hvy ey mortar fire continuing. One of our tks taking one ey lt tk under fire. Inf spotted one ey tk and is attempting to knock it out. Inf patrol sighted four ey, shot 3, one escaped.
01	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Has ambulance left town yet? Report ey progress at least once every 10 minutes.
06	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Ambulance has left Rittershoffen. (Medics notified).
15	Fwd CP	Rear CP	3 ey killed at (157339).
15	Rear CP	CCA	10 Minute Ey Report: Above info to CCA - signed 1510.
18	INTERCEPT		Red Alert - at least one ME 230.
20	Rear CP	CCA	10 Min Ey Report - No change.
25	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Fire mission request 4 rds on ey inf. in open at (15883498); will adjust - give us on the way.
25	Arty Ln	500 AFA	Above info.
33	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Cannot fire, continue observation. If verified ey we have Arty FO to adjust.
33	Rear CP	CCA	10 Min Ey Report - No change - signed 1530.
33	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change - signed 1530.
40	Rear CP	CCA	10 Min Ey Report - No change.
40	AAA INTERCEPT		ME 262 in general vic - condition Red.
45	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Sent Capt Chase to Fwd CP with transportation for 5 bodies (Info dispatched to Capt Chase via msgr).
48	AAA INTERCEPT		Condition yellow - no further info on ME 262.
50	Rear CP	CCA	10 Min Ey Report - No change.
52	CCA	Rear CP	(Via Ln O) Organize your defenses for the night at once. 3-315 Inf and 48 Tk Bn coordinate and agree on a clear cut mission for each, which will be submitted this Hqs. Planes due CCA 1800.
00	CCA	Rear CP	Submit reports every 30 minutes - signed 1556.

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Place: Kuhlendorf, France
Map:

Time	From	To	Incidents, Messages, Orders
00	Rear CP	CCA	10 Min Ey Report - No change.
00	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
05	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Send ambulance to aid Sta (Fwd).
30	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
35	Rear CP	CCA	One civilian coming from Rittershoffen sent to CCA PW Cage.
45	Hq Co	Rear CP	81mm Mortar OP at (14253475) observed one white star cluster 3000 yds to left. No further developments
48	Fwd CP	Rear CP	2 ey tks knocked out; one by arty fire, one by tk fire. One tk believed to be a Mk IV.
00	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep: Above info.
05	Fwd CP	Rear CP	(Via Msgr) Unless I get orders to the contrary by 1715 I am sending 50 to 100 civilians towards Kuhlendorf on foot. We cannot house them any longer.
08	Rear CP	CCA	Above info to CCA and they will take care of it.
29	Fwd CP	Rear CP	One lge barn burning, apparently ey ammo dump.
30	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep: Above info.
35	A48	Rear CP	Unconfirmed report of 2 Mk IV, 1 Mk VI and 1 SP Gun leaving Rittershoffen.
00	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep: Unconfirmed report of 2 Mk IV, 1 Mk VI and 1 SP Gun leaving Rittershoffen were knocked out.
0	Rear CP	CCA	30 Mint Sitrep: No change.
35	Fwd CP	Rear CP	One yellow flare went up in vic of church in Rittershoffen.
5	AAA Intercept		Ey dirigible over Surbourg.
0	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Above info to Fwd CP.
00	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep No change.
0	CCA	Rear CP	(Via Ln O) Msg and overlay regarding minefields in Rittershoffen.
0	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep: No change.
0	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep: No change.
5	Arty FO	Arty Ln	Ey tks moving into Rittershoffen. Request arty fire.
6	A68	Fwd CP	(Intercept) Request same arty as last night. Cannot see but can adjust by sound.
5	INTERCEPT		Fire being adjusted by CO A68.
0	Rear CP	CCAd	30 Min Sitrep: Msgs in at 2005 and 2006.
5	A48	Rear CP	Tks seem to be moving West.
9	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Tks that were fired on are now withdrawing. Firing another barrage.
5	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Everything is quiet.
5	Rear CP	CCA	Above info.
0	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep: No change.
3	A68	Fwd CP	(Intercept) 6 vehicles in vic Ck Pt 10 (158342). Arty firing mission.
1	Arty Ln	Rear CP	One cub plane in area. Paratroopers reported dropped behind lines, number unknown, location unknown.

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FROM	TO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep: Vehicle in vic Ck Pt 10 at 2113. Arty has fired mission. Results unknown.
CCA	Rear CP	Condition Red.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Condition Red.
CCA	Rear CP	Unconfirmed report rec'd of ey paratroopers dropped behind our lines. Have Div checking on it. We are patrolling CCA area.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Mint Sitrep: No change.
CCA	Rear CP	Ey vehicle activity at (175341).
Fwd CP	Rear CP	All quiet.
CCA	Rear CP	2-315 has been atked by Inf and tks at 2200. Column of tks moving on Hatten from Buhl; also column moving from E - signed 2220.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
CCR	Rear CP	Ln O to CCR reports ey Inf and tks moving from Stundwiller down to NE of Hatten. Ey Tks from East to Hatten. Arty engaging targets - signed 2125.
CCA	Rear CP	Unit reporting paratroopers disclaim any knowledge of info given; possibly false.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep: No change.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep: No change.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Unknown station using Charlie 1. Cannot identify; they try to give info and ask questions.
Rear CP	CCA	Above msg to CCA.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep: No change.

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5 January 1945

Place: Kuhlendorf, France
Map:

FROM	TO	
Arty Ln	Rear CP	Ey are in N of Hatten. Arty are using HE, WP and time fire on ey. It was an Inf-Tk atk.
CCA	Rear CP	Received above msg from Ex O, CCA.
Rear CP	CCA	Half Hour Report - No change.
Rear CP	CCA	Half Hour Report - No change.
Intercept		CP to A-68: Alert your AT Guns, North on your street.
Rear CP	CCA	Half Hour Report - Above msg to CCA.
Intercept		Fwd CP to A-68: Have your C.O. report to Fwd CP for instructions.
CCA	Rear CP	Ex O, CCA, reports following ey info: At 0030 C/Atk in Hatten under control due to friendly arty. PW info received - Co CP 2d Co, 125th Regt, 21st Pz was at (173338). Regt CP at Oberseebah. Strength of Co - 40 men composed of two plats., 2 Co's of regt committed in Hatten. 3 Co's in Res in E end of town. Co's have 6 or 7 MG and 12 Panzerfaust. 2d Co had no bazookas. 3 men captured from Mk IV Tk came from Bergzabern to Hatten with 4 Mk IV Tks. Rear Echelon in Bergzabern. Mk V belong to 5th or 8th Co, 22d Regt, 21 Pz Div. 1 PW believes 22d Px Regt is in Rittershoffen with 14 Mk IV's. One Co, 20th Pcht Regt out of Brumand. One company in Hatten. 3 more Co's in sector somewhere. Co strength - 100 men. PW came from Holland. Left in December; arrived in Hatten Jan 9th.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
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CCA	Rear CP	Ey C/Atking in Hatten with Inf, Tks, and flame throwers. Atk started about 0400.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
CCA	Rear CP	Atk on Hatten repulsed. Lost approx four houses.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
CCA	Rear CP	Atk by fire will commence at 0815 this a.m.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Above msg sent to Fwd CP.
CCA	Rear CP	Two atks on Hatten may have been a diversionary effort put forth to permit withdrawal from Rittershoffen Send out probing patrols. If no ey is discovered to take and occupy town immediately.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Send out probing patrols. Be prepared to occupy town. Ey may have withdrawn.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.

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Place: Kuhlendorf, France
Map:

45	CCA	Rear CP	(Via Ln O) Maint Sec of Tk Co will be worked top speed today, one or two tks being withdrawn at at time, and returned to front lines when completed. One or two tks at a time should also be withdrawn about one mile for crew maint. These return instantly to defense positions when ey atks.
00	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
22	Rear CP	CCA	One civilian sent to PW Cage who came from Rittershoffen.
25	CCA	Rear CP	The tk plat from 25th Tk Bn which was to cut off the draw NE of Rittershoffen has been cancelled by Div.
30	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
35	Rear CP	Fwd CP	(Via msgr) Msgs rec'd 0845 and 0925 from CCA fwded.
35	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Have patrols moved out after assault by fire? (Via msgr).
51	CCA	Rear CP	Our arty have engaged several groups of men and vehicles moving toward Hatten and Rittershoffen in the area just N of Hatten. This activity may indicate another ey atk soon - signed 0935.
58	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Send ambulance immediately (msg relayed to Medics).
00	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Patrols engaged in fire fightwith ey just N of Ck Pt #12.
02	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Groups of men and vehicles observed moving toward Hatten and Rittershoffen from NE. May indicate another atk soon.
03	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - Patrols engaged in fire fight w/ey just N of Ck Pt #12.
20	CCA	Rear CP	(Coded msg - OP). Our arty engaged unidentified ey vehicle at (175339), (176339), and (177339). Results not known. - signed 1000.
30	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
35	Fwd CP	Rear CP	In regard to questions by Rear CP - Maj Willsie will bring back answers.
36	Maj Willsie	Rear CP	Rcn patrols were sent out. One friendly casualty, several ey were hit in fire fight. 315th Inf reports ey coming down from church toward sector held by us (Unconfirmed). CO feels much cannot be gained by an atk by fire; awaits further orders from CCA.
00	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
20	CCA	Rear CP	Msg rec'd from CCA at 0845 via Ln O - rec'd at 1120 via radio.
30	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
43	CCA	Rear CP	(Coded msg) There are identifidations of reinforcements of Rittershoffen ey garrison from the NE. The Div CG directs immediate C/Atk against any such force. First bring every appropriate fire against them. Then whenever practicable follow with sml C/Atk covered fully by arty, mortar and MG fire - signed 1020.
200	Rear CP	Fwd CP	(Via msgr) Above msg forwarded and Fwd informed CCA authorizes atk.
210	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Have 81mm mortar fire 6 rds WP every 5 minutes vic of Ck Pts #2, #4, #6, #3. Inform us when mission is started. Everything is quiet at present.
211	Rear CP	Hq Co	Prepared to fire 81mm mort. am checking coord.

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Place: Kuhlendorf, France

18	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Retell points by Afbuzz.
20	Rear CP	Hq Co	Checking on coordinates of mort fire requested by Fwd CP. Fire 3 rds WP with 81mm Mort every five minutes at following coordinates (15783395), (15803405), (15793424), (15943400). Will inform you when I have clearance from Fwd CP.
26	Fwd CP	Rear CP	No Buzz Code but four distinct points.
27	Rear CP	Hq Co	Those points are OK. Additional points (15903391).
30	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
00	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
20	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Request WP mission for assault guns (One volley each 5 minutes). Fire on same coordinates as 81mm Mort are.
22	CCA	Rear CP	(Via Ln O) Attack Order: Resume atk at once. 68 atk bldgs to NE continuing present operation. 3-315 with B-68 and 1 Plat A68 atchd; atk E and NE. Coordinate its atk with use of 155mm guns and WP Tk gun fire against church; rush in and capture church bldg and bldgs immediately surrounding. If 155mm gun fails then atk to Southeast after hvy arty and smoke on street SE of church. 48 Tk Bn to atch 1 plat of three to five tks to each of 3-315 and 68; other elements 48 revert to support atk of 315 and be prepared to meet ey C/Atk during daylight and block roads to West by night.
24	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Above atk order to Fwd CP (Via Ln O).
27	Rear CP	Hq CO	Place AG fire on same concentration as 81mm mortar firing WP, one volley each 5 minutes.
30	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
35	Rear CP	CCA	(Via msgr) Forwarded papers found on deceased ey in Rittershoffen.
00	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
30	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
00	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
15	3-315	Rear CP	Moving our gun batteries to (13043538) will notify you when phone line is change.
30	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
45	CCA	Rear CP	From G-3 via phone at 1533 - CCR said they were C/Atked at 1440 by approx bn strength of tks and Inf. Our arty preparation set up for 1500 atk now falling in midst of C/Atk. Atk continuing at this time. At 1535 C/At pressing hard from the East.
55	Radio Intercept		Tks knocked steeple off church. Mort dropped WP into church. Ey sniper fire holding up friendly troops in vic of church.
00	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Shooting down church for unit on our right (3-315).
10	Rear CP	CCA	1600 - 30 Min Sitrep - Fire fight between Ck Pts 7 and 21.
22	Fwd CP	Rear CP	We are making preparations for strong defensive system for the night.
30	Rear CP	CCA	At 1625 beginning preparations for strong defensive system for tonight - 30 Min Sitrep.
34	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Send Capt Chase to Fwd CP with transportation for two bodies. (Msg dispatched via msgr).
50	Fwd CP	Rear CP	No change in situation.

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00	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
10	Arty Ln	500 AFA	Requested fire mission. Fired six volleys.
11	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Cease firing above mission.
12	Rear CP	Fwd CP	What is situation?
14	Fwd CP	Rear CP	As a result of arty fire sml ey patrol destroyed.
42	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep for 1730 - Used arty to stop sml ey patrol infiltrating - ey destroyed.
00	Rear CP	Hq Co	Cease firing with assault guns.
05	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep for 1800 - No change.
34	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep for 1830 - No change.
06	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep for 1900 - No change.
28	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Ey patrol rptd coming in from E. Reported S of town.
30	Rear CP	CCA	Above msg to CCA.
44	Fwd CP	Rear CP	In regards to last transmission; situation clear.
00	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - Situation all clear.
30	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
00	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
18	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Gun flashes observed az. 655 mils. Estimated to be 155mm.
21	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Ey tks heard in N point of town.
22	Rear CP	CCA	Above msgs to CCA. (2118 and 2121).
30	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - Msgs of 2118 and 2121 from Fwd CP sent to CCA.
00	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
11	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Fire Mission - Normal Barrage #1. Tks will adjust by sound. Arty requested.
17	CCA	Rear CP	Ey tks moved into Rittershoffen from Hatten at 2125.
22	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Everything going fine.
30	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - Reported above.
41	CCA	Rear CP	Hatten C/Atk repulsed. Now pushing ey back.
00	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
30	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
36	CCA	Rear CP	7 Tks moving into Hatten at 2200. Track vehicles moving vic Aschbach-Stundwiller to Buhl. Considerable arty falling in Oberrodern.
00	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.

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Place: Kuhlendorf, France.
Map:

FROM	TO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
A-48	Rear CP	Approx 5 ey tks moving in left side of Rittershoffen.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - Reported above info.
CCA	Rear CP	SOI items 10-5-830-1122-5 compromised. Avoid traffic in afcode and Afbuzz. New items forthcoming.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Info regarding SOI.
Intercept		Fwd CP to A48: Noise of 1 ey tk being heard. Suspected of covering other tks being moved.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - Above info.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Request Bn two volleys on ey vehicles moving on left side of Rittershoffen. 500 AFA placing fire.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - Above msg.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
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CCA	Rear CP	At 0700 three ey tks reported moving from Buhl to Hatten.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
3-315	Rear CP	At 0700 some ey tk activity in vic of church in Rittershoffen in past hour.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - Above info.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
A-48	Rear CP	Ey personnel observed on ridge N of Rittershoffen.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - Above info.
CCA	Rear CP	(Via Ln O) 8 inch arty will be used on the strong point (vic church) at 1200 today to level ey strong point in Rittershoffen in front of and right of 315th sector. 315 will atk after the shelling today. Alert our tks to get any ey tks that are flushed by this shelling, especially withdrawing to N and NE.
CCA	Rear CP	Time of firing 8 in. arty changed to 1315. Have your tks alert to destroy any ey tks that are flushed by it - signed 1024.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	(Via Ln O) Above info.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.

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Place: Kuhlendorf, France.
Map:

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00	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
30	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
34	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Receiving AW fire from N side of main street.
00	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - Above info.
10	Fwd CP	Rear CP	(Via Ln O Msgr) Approx 24 rds hvy mort fell vic (157339) from 0915 to 1055. Direction of fire approx 40 deg. mag az.
20	Rear CP	CCA	Above info.
23	CCA	Rear CP	8 in. firing cancelled.
30	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - Shellrep of 1210.
33	Rear CP	Fwd CP	8 in. firing cancelled. O.I. will be sent by O msgr.
00	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Operations Instructions (via O msgr).
00	Intercept	3-315	Ey armd column mocing South toward Hatten.
00	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - 3-315 reports ey armd column moving S toward Hatten.
16	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Steeple on church in Rittershoffen has been completely demolished by our tk fire (O msgr).
30	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - Info of 1316.
40	Fwd CP	Rear CP	One of our tks knocked out in front of Fwd CP. Send tk recovery vehicle immediately.
45	Rear CP	Hq Co	Have AG's and mortars alternate, firing one volley per min. at (15923425), commencing at 1445. To fire fuze quick.
53	Intercept	AAA	Condition Red.
57	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Have been receiving burp gun and sniper fire from the NW. Has ceased now.
00	Intercept	AAA	Condition yellow.
00	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - Msg of 1357.
07	Rear CP	Hq Co	48th jump-off time may be delayed. Fire mission scheduled for 1445 only at my command.
30	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
48	CCA	Rear CP	Maint crew of 48 Tks while attempting to recover vehicles vic (170326) observed 1 ey rcn vehicle and 3 or 4 men w/o helmets. Maint crew was fired on by ey arty and strafed by ey plane.
55	Rear CP	Hq Co	Do not fire AG and 81mm fire missions previously schedule.
58	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Present plans for today all off.
00	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
15	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Better plan coming up for tomorrow.
17	Intercept	AAA	Condition red; one jet propelled plane and several other ey aircraft in vic.
23	AAA	Intercept	Condition yellow.
30	Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - No change.
42	A-48	Intercept	One plat of A-48 spotted an ey vehicle N of town and fired on it. It is now out of vision. Do not know whether ey vehicle was hit.
45	Rear CP	CCA	Above info.

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Place: Kuhlendorf, France
Map:

FROM	TO	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ETC.
AAA Intercept		Condition on air all clear as of 1538.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Have Mr Wemple come in and pick up AT Gun which received direct hit. Have Engr Plat report here (Rittershoffen) before dark to be used for guard.
Rear CP	CCA	30 Min Sitrep - Our tks spotted one ey vehicle north of Rittershoffen and fired on it; effect unknown.
CCA	Rear CP	48 Tks firing at ey H/T at (158343) at 1555.
- - - - -	- - -	An ey jet propelled plane dropped a bomb of 250 pounds approx 30 feet to the direct front of our CP. The concussion shattered glass and scattered debris in the CP. Two personnel rec'd slight cuts on the hands.
CCA	Rear CP	(Via Ln O) Ey fire from vic (152337) fell on friendly A.G.'s and MG's in vic (148328).
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Group of civilians headed toward Kuhlendorf from Rittershoffen.
Rear CP	CCA	(Via Ln O) Above msg to CCA.
Maint O	Rear CP	Evacuating 2 knocked out ambulances prior to evacuating one knocked out AT Gun.
CCA	Rear CP	3-315 Ln O is a casualty.
Rear CP	315	Above info via officer.
Mort CP	Rear CP	About 1400 a white star parachute flare was observed at approx 2100 mils from Mort position. Immediately following flare the mort plat rec'd C/Btry fire. At 1945 the same thing occurred.
CCA	Rear CP	(Via 62 AIB) Atch one co 68 to 3-315. Co Comdr report to 3-315 CP at once. Movement to be coordinated between 3-315 and 68th C.O. and CO 315 Regt. Notify CO CCA upon completion of move - signed CO, CCA.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Above msg (via msgr).
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Atchment completed 2335.

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Place: Kuhlendorf, France
Map:

FROM	TO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC.
Rear CP	CCA	Attachment completed 162335 Jan 45.
CCA	Rear CP	Receipt acknowledged of msg of 0004.
CCA	Rear CP	68 will not detach rifle co. to 3-315 for operations tomorrow, but will keep all rifle co's under own comd. - signed 0050.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Above msg to Fwd CP.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Acknowledged receipt of msg from Rear CP of 0140.
CCA	Rear CP	Attack Orders and recommendation of Div G-2 (Via Officer Msgr).
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Attack Orders and recommendation of Div G-2 (Via msgr).
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Which orders are in effect for 17 Jan 45?
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Msgs of 0140 and 0210 are in effect.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Acknowledged receipt of msg of 0307.
CCA	Rear CP	3-315 and 68 are under comd CO 315 effective 0630 17 Jan - signed 2335 by Fulton, 1st Lt (Via Ln O).
CCA	Rear CP	(Via Ln O) 68 will have one SCR 300 on the Command Channel of 1-315 which is Channel 18. Call sign of 1-315 will be RSL for 17 Jan and JJH for 18 Jan.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Msgs of 0400 fwded to Fwd CP (Via Msgr).
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Send ambulance.
Rear CP	Medics	Above info.
Rear CP	CCA	Two prisoners captured by A-315 sent to CCA PW Cage at Neiderbetschdorf.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Progressing slowly, meeting hvy ey sniper fire. Have reached Ck Pt 12 (See CCA Sketch of Rittershoffen)
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Send ambulance to Fwd CP.
Rear CP	Medics	Above info.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	What is situation?
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Nothing to report.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Ambulance to Fwd CP.
Rear CP	Medics	Above info.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	(Via msgr) We are receiving hvy ey sniper fire between Ck Pts 6 and 12.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	No change.
Rear CP	CCA	(Via msgr) 30 Min Sitreps for 1000 (At Ck Point 12, advancing slowly), 1030 (No change), 1100 (Receiving hvy ey sniper fire between Ck Pts 6 and 12), 1130 (No change). Also requested permission to submit Sitreps every two hours via msgr instead of every 30 minutes via msgr., as cannot contact CCA radio.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Situation remains the same.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Sniper fire lessening in intensity. Approaching Ck Pt #6.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	One tk nocked out. Have Tk Recovery Vehicle come forward (Msg relayed to Mr. Wemple).
Rear CP	Fwd CP	How are things?
Rear CP	CCA	(Via msgr) 30 Min Sitreps - 1200 (No change), 1230 (Sniper fire lessening in intensity, approaching Ck Pt #6), 1300 (No change).

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Place: Kuhlendorf, France.
Map:

FROM	TO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Nothing to report.
Maint	Rear CP	Sgt Lyles (Maint) reported to Rear CP with following info: In the process of evacuating knocked out B48 Tk, the recovery vehicle was knocked out by ey AT Gun.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Send Inf. covering force for protection while maint crew evacuates knocked out B48 Tk and 68 recovery vehicle.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	We are sending Inf out to protect maint crew.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Is Inf covering maint crew?
Fwd CP	Rear CP	We are covering maint crew.
CCA	Rear CP	(Via Officer) Sitreps only need be submitted occasionally for information of CCA. 68 is temporarily attached for this portion of the operation to 1-315.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Let us know when maint gets back with tk recovery.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Tk recovery vehicle back.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Ey AT Gun believed to be at (158343) firing on our vehicles. Something must be done about it.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Friendly tks reported firing into bldgs West edge of Rittershoffen. Correct this at once.
Rear CP	A48	Inform your tks to cease firing into West edge of town.
Rear CP	B48	Inform your tks to cease firing into West edge of town.
Rear CP	62 AIB	Can you observe ey AT Gun in woods at (158343). Can you send a patrol out to observe. Friendly troops of 315 in that general area - cannot fire arty.
Rear CP	B-48	Your tk fire hitting near friendly troops in Western edge of Rittershoffen. Shoot more to left (North of Rittershoffen).
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Above info.
62 AIB	Rear CP	(Via Officer) B-315 still holds Northern tip of Rittershoffen. A-315 to pull down thru B-62 and atk Rittershoffen along Kuhlendorf-Rittershoffen Road.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Need covering group for protection while B-48 tk is being removed from road 200 yds West of Rittershoffen.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Do not have any coverage to spare at this time.
Rear CP	48 Tk	You have disabled tk on road at (154340); please remove.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Am getting ambulance previously called for up fwd as soon as I can but having difficulty.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Rcn reveals no unit firing on West edge of town. Ambulance now on way via 315 Inf area. Am trying to recover B-48 Tk. Believe ey snipers in disabled ey vehicles along first road to left entering Rittershoffen.
Hq 315	Rear CP	(Via Ln O) CO 68 AIB will use all available force to hold present front line positions thruout the night. Coordinate defensive fires with CO 1st Bn 315 Inf - signed CO 315 - 1720.
Mort Plat	Rr CP	15 rds 81mm mort and 3 rds 75mm AG on (158339).
315	Rear CP	(Via msgr) Operational Instructions for 18 Jan - Hold the ground already secured.

Status of Personnel on Line

Company	Officers	E.M.	Company	Officers	E.M.
Hq Co	6	75	Co B	3	97
Co A	3	119	Co C	3	70
				Total	361

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Place: Kuhlendorf, France
Map:

FROM	TO	MESSAGES, ETC.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Send ambulance to Fwd Aid Sta.
Rear CP	Medics	Above info to Medics.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	(Via msgr) Operational Instructions for 18 Jan forwarded.
Medics	Rear CP	Ey fire hit wheel of ambulance on last trip. Request H/T for evacuation.
Rear CP	Hq Co	Send H/T to Medics for evacuation of casualties.
Arty FO	Rear CP	Ey placing arty smoke between Hatten and Rittershoffen. Fwd this info to 500 AFA Ln O.
Rear CP	Arty Ln	Above info.
Arty Ln	Rear CP	Contacted 500 FO at Fwd CP and he reports no developments as a result of ey smoke.
Arty FO	Arty Ln	315 Inf now has church which they took this morning. Not much ey mort or arty.
315	Rear CP	(Via Ln O) Order and overlay for 68. 68 relieved of atchment to 1-315 effective 181100 Jan 45. CO 68 will assume responsibility for defense of ground now held, to hold at all costs; contact on left (West) to be maintained with 62 AIB by 68 AIB (Time signed 1010 - CO 315 - Hoover, Maj - S-3).
CCA	Rear CP	Same info as 1100 msg.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	(Via Officer) Msgs of 1100 and 1215.
Intercept	AAA	Condition on aircraft is Red.
Intercept	AAA	Condition clear.
Intercept	AAA	5 F.W. 190's last reported headed West.
Intercept	AAA	All clear.
315 CP	Rear CP	(Via Ln O) Co B-315 attached to 68 for tactical purposes; not for administration & rations.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Intense hvy ey arty falling in Rittershoffen for last 15 min.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	(Via msgr). Msg No. 1, this Hq (Rear), 18 Jan 45 - see atchd.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Still being shelled in Rittershoffen.
AG OP	Rear CP	75mm AG's fired 10 rds on ey Inf at (15723396).
AG OP	Rear CP	75mm AG's fired 6 more rds, same target.
AG OP	Rear CP	75mm AG's fired 3 more rds, same target.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	(Via Msgr). Received intense hvy arty from approx 1530 until 1700. 315 fired some tks and mortar. Friendly and ey arty was firing just NE of us. One big fire started and burning well 800 yds SE of Fwd CP, and another 1000 yds to the North & East of us. 315 captured 7 beat up and jittery prisoners, and killed a few ey. 315 also sent patrol to S edge of cemetery. Church is unoccupied by either friendly or ey forces.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Send ambulance to A-68 aid sta. at once (Medics notified.).
Rear CP	Fwd CP	Thusfar no change in Operational Instructions for Friday, 19 Jan.

Status of Personnel on Line

Company	Officers	E.M.
Hq Co	6	75
Co A	3	118
Co B	4	89
Co C	3	69
Total		351

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Place: Kuhlendorf, France

	FROM	TO	
0	315 CP	Rear CP	(Via Ln O) Make every effort to push on out to North from your present position to contact B-315th Inf. Hvy combat patrols to feel out ahead, take and occupy all possible ground to your front. Reinforcements will be available to help secure any gains made. Coordinate with 3-315 in your efforts, and go all out to contact B-315 (Time signed 0820 - CO 315 - Hoover, Maj-S-3).
5	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Above msg. Also ey personnel carriers moving into Northern tip of Rittershoffen.
0	Fwd CP	Rear CP	(Via Off) Slight ey SAF in Rittershoffen; no ey arty. A-68 and C-68 sending out patrols as per request of CO, 315.
0	Fwd CP	Rear CP	(Via msgr) Two civilians just outside of Rittershoffen, entering town from the West.
2	Rear CP	Fwd CP	Two civilians seen entering Rittershoffen from the West at 1040.
0	62 Ln	Rear CP	Ey tks seen NW of Hatten and one tk of C-25 moving to attempt to knock it out. 3 ey H/T's knocked out N of Rittershoffen; 7 PW's voluntarily left these H/T's and surrendered at Oberrodern.
0	62 LN	Rear CP	Ey 40mm AT Gun at Hatten at (169348) which was knocked out. Still ey activity in orchard at (169348). Ey 20mm gun at (172345) - trying to take care of it. Mark IV ey tk at RJ 160 and ey Inf between it and Hatten. Arty FO spotted ey foot troops crossing bridge at (180348) - arty firing on them. Intercept of German radio transmission: Repulsed 2 or 3 C/Atks at Hatten and have one of our Bns surrounded at Reipertswiller. Germans are operating on our Channel 36 on SCR 300. Ey C/Atk N, E, & SE of Hatten repulsed without loss of ground. 2 PW's taken E of Hatten state that half of ey ready to surrender.
0	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Patrols trying to work their way to N part of Rittershoffen, but held up by hvy ey sniper fire.
0	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Request fire at 1800, 1815 and 1830 tonight from 4.2 mortars, 81mm mort, and 75mm AG's. Mix fire up, using HE on a point at (158343), while we attempt to work a strong patrol North in the West edge of town.
0	Mort OP	Rear CP	81mm mortars firing on (15783400), approx 10 rds.
5	Medics	Rear CP	Ambulance knocked out on last trip to Rittershoffen.
5	Rear CP	Hq Co	Send H/T to Medics to be used for evacuating casualties from Rittershoffen; they will place Geneva flags on it.
7	Rear CP	Medics	Informed they would get H/T.
7	Fwd FO	Rear CP	Ey Inf in the open at (15853460).
3	Arty Ln	500 AFA	Above info - fire mission.
4	500 AFA	Rear CP	Rds complete (Delay occured by virtue of fact that 500 AFA was firing Bn mission).
5	Rear CP	Fwd CP	What is effect?
9	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Effect satisfactory; cease firing.
5	Rear CP	Fwd CP	How are things?
6	Fwd CP	Rear CP	No change.
5	Rear CP	Fwd CP	(Via Officer) One copy Secret Mine Field overlay.
0	4.2 Mort	Rr CP	(Via msgr) Cannot use 4.2 mortars tonight in conjunction with 81's & 75's; no authority to fire after dark.

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Place: Kuhlendorf, France.

FROM	TO	
Rear CP	Hq Co	(Via msgr) Arrange to have 81's and 75's fire missions which were scheduled for 4.2 mortars tonight between 1800 and 1830.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	How are things?
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Nothing new.
CCA	Rear CP	G-2 of VI Corps reports that ey has captured a number of American tks in the bridgehead area. He may repair these tks and use them with either German or American markings. All persoonel will be warned of the use by the ey of American tks. (Signed CO, CCA - 1622 - Armstrong).
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Movement of several tks (not known whether ey or friendly) approx two miles north of Fwd CP.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	How are things going?
Fwd CP	Rear CP	All quiet.
Fwd CP	Rear CP	(Via msgr) Arty, it is believed, set an ey ammo dump on fire in Rittershoffen.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	(Via msgr) 62 has no info regarding tk movement 2 mi. N of Rittershoffen.
48 Tk	Rear CP	(Via msgr) Our rcn has been taken away from us. We're patrolling our road with our rcn plat. Could you run patrol every hour from your Fwd CP to contact A-48 at pillbox just East of your Rear CP to let A-48 know new situation. We are charged with blocking your road in case of break-thru.
Rear CP	48 Tk	(Via msgr) Won't run patrols every hour regularly - too much danger of getting caught by ey patrol or fire. Will run at least six patrols nightly for contact at irregular intervals.
Rear CP	Fwd CP	(Via Officer) Information obtained from Ln O: Reported at Herlesheim-Gambsheim area ey captured one Armd Inf Bn and one Tk Bn. Ey has taken Sessenheim. Ey may do one of two things: (1) Exploit at Sessenheim in an attempt to capture Haguenau (2) Having gained Sessenheim they may try to break thru along line Hoffen-Oberrodern-Neiderbetschdorf. We are placing most emphasis on Haguenau area and withdrawing 25 Tk Bn behind 62 Inf and moving into Bischwiller area; also moving in 36th and 103d Inf Div's to Bischwiller area, leaving us with sole defense between Voges Mts and Haguenau Forest plus 315 Inf, 222 Inf (- 25 Tk Bn). All comdrs cautioned to be particularly alert. 19 AIB has been C/Atk in Hatten - hand-to-hand battles, but have beaten ey back. RR Sta in Hatten is a strong point. Any info concerning this ey position is not to be discussed over the radio or via telephone, except in case of emergency. (PW reports that all of B-315 forced to surrender completely to ey - B-315 no longer atchd to us).
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Ey personnel carriers at (1583430) - 5 volleys for effect - cannot adjust.
Arty Ln	500 AFA	Request fire and 5 volleys fired.
Fwd CP	Mort OP	(Intercept) AG fire harassing fire (6 rds every hr at irregular intervals) until 0500, 20 Jan at (16003423).
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Patrol out at 1830 to West edge of Rittershoffen, attempting to work North (in coordination with diversionary fires by AG and mortar on (158343)).
Fwd CP	Rear CP	Do not have personnel for contact patrol to tks at pillbox, but have observation and can cover the first ridge W of Rittershoffen.

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9 January 1945

Place: Kuhlendorf, France
Map:

TIME	FROM	TO	EVENTS, MESSAGES, ETC
10	Rear CP	62 AIB	Rear: Can you send patrols out 5 or 6 times nightly to tks at pillbox so we can cover area between here and Rittershoffen by patrols and observation. 62: Canoot furnish.
25	Rear CP	C-315	(Via Off) Arrange with C-315 to send 3-man patrol about 5 or 6 times during night out to tks at pillbox E of Kuhlendorf. (C-315 will take care of this).

Status of Personnel on Line

Company	Officers	E.M.
Hq Co	6	75
Co A	3	97
Co B	4	96
Co C	3	78
	Total	346

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Kuhlendorf, France

	FROM	TO	
0	Arty Ln	500 AFA	4 rds HE fired on ey Inf digging in at (15883498).
0	Arty Ln	500 AFA	4 rds additional on above target.
0	Fwd CP	AG OP	(Intercept) AG firing 37 rds at ey in open at (157339).
5	Fwd CP	AG OP	(Intercept) AG fired 40 additional rds on same target as above.
0	Fwd CP	AG OP	(Intercept) AG fired 5 rds on (157339) at ey in open.
5	Arty Ln	500 AFA	Firing CPC ammo on ey inf. in the open at (15883498).
0	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Have Ex O report to CO, CCB, without delay.
0	Fwd CP	Rear CP	Send ambulance to Fwd CP immediately (Medics notified).
0	CCB	Rear CP	Ex O returned to Rear CP with orders for diengagement with the ey.
0	Ex O	Biv Party	We are moving to assembly area in vicinity of Dettwiller to town of Waldowisheim. Billeting parties to leave soon for Dettwiller and pick up co's as they arrive on the North side of Dettwiller. Co's to be moved one tactical co. at a time and Trains by infiltration to Dauendorf. Have all combat vehicles move up to open area SW side of Kuhlendorf. Troops will move from Rittershoffen on foot beginning at dusk, which is approximately 1715. If visibility is poor, it may be necessary to wait a little later. We will arrange to notify C-315 that we will be infiltrating back thru them. A guide from each co. will be posted on the road between Kuhlendorf and Neiderbetschdorf approx 150 yds S of this rd jct near our Rear CP to pick up the co's, and guide them back to their respective vehicles. Each company will establish liaison with this Hq, informing me as they are ready to leave and I will give them clearance, as we must get clearance from CCB before each co. leaves. Route to new area will be posted by Div MP's from Surbourg to Dettwiller. The order of march for troops in Rittershoffen will be as they are moved out of there by CO 68. Hq Co will be the last unit out in order that 81mm mort and AG's may provide protective fires while we withdraw from Kuhlendorf. Protective fires will be on call until the evacuation of Rittershoffen is complete. Route of March: Kuhlendorf, Hohwiller, S at Soultz-sous-Forets, Surbourg (picked up by MP's) Gunstett, Forstheim, Griesbach, Meitersheim, Bitschhoffen, Neidermodern, Schalkendorf, Sueswiller, Ringendorf, Lixhause, Zoehersdorf, Scherlenheim, Willwisheim, Dettwiller (picked up by guides at N edge of town). Absolutely no equipment of any kind or description to be left behind for the ey. I will make available H/T's from here to shuttle back any equipment which it is impossible to carry out. Suggest pulling of troops out from S of Rittershoffen and West thru lines of C-315. We revert to 14 AD control when troops close in at Kuhlendorf, and revert to CCB. Mine field in Rittershoffen to be closed when troops withdraw.
	CO 315	Rear CP	(Via Ln O) Leave "shell" to consist of one plat with Auto. Wpns & Tks to secure your sector of town. "Shell" to be withdrawn at 0300. Tks withdraw with "shell" and revert to CO 48 Tk Bn.
	Rear CP	Fwd CP	(Via Officer) Above info (Msgs of 1600 and 1630).
	- - - - - -		First unit began mtd march to Waldowisheim. Trains infiltrating vic Dauendorf.

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Place: Waldowisheim, France
Map:

- - -	- - -	"Shell" of 1 plat B-68 and tks closed in at Kuhlendorf and began mtd road march to Waldowisheim.
- - -	- - -	Bn Hqs & Hq Co began mtds road march from Kuhlendorf to Waldowisheim.
- - -	- - -	Entire Bn closed in at Waldowisheim; trains at Reutenbourg.
CCB	68 CP	"Light" is 14 AD Rear Boundary. May use lights anywhere south of E-W Road just north of Waldowisheim unless stopped by Corps MP's (via phone).
68 CP	All Cos	Above info (via phone).
CCB	68 CP	(Via msgr) Units must be specially alert tonight for infiltration of the ey thru our lines in our own vehicles captured from our neighboring unit - S-2 CCB - Prine, Maj - signed 2000.
68 CP	All co's	Above info (via phone).
CCB	68 CP	(Via Ln O) Request for overlay showing dispositions of our security in Waldowisheim. (see atchd sketch
68 CP	CCB	(Via Ln O) Sketch of Waldowisheim showing disposition of our security.
-	-	Unit reorganizing in assembly at Waldowisheim; Sv Co - Reutenbourg.

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Place: Waldowisheim, France

Map:

Time	From	To	Events and Messages
30	- - - - -	- -	1 Plat B-68 ordered to relieve plat of A-68 as CCB security.
00	- - - - -	- -	1-B-68 left Waldowisheim to act as security for HQ CCB.
00	(25 Tk (68 CP	68 CP) 25 Tk)	B-25 Tk Bn joined unit; A-68 joined 25th Tk Bn.
- -	- - - - -	- - -	Unit continued to re-supply and reorganize. Alert security posted on all roads leading out of Waldowisheim.